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In re Application of: E. Balassanian et al.  
Application No.: 09/304,973  
Filed: May 4, 1999  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
GENERATING A MAPPING BETWEEN  
TYPES OF DATA

DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition filed August 20, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. §102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(II): Infringement, to make the above-identified application special.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.102(d), and M.P.E.P. §708.02, Section II, must be accompanied by payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) and a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.102 by the applicant or assignee or statements by an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office that: (A) there is an infringing device or product actually on the market or method in use; (B) a rigid comparison of the alleged infringing device, product, or method with the claims of the application has been made, and that, in his or her opinion, some of the claims are unquestionably infringed; and (C) he or she has made or caused to be made a careful and thorough search of the prior art or has a good knowledge of the prior art.

Applicant's submissions meet all the criteria set out above, accordingly, the Petition is **GRANTED**. The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner of Record for expedited examination.

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In those instances where the request for this special status does not meet all the prerequisites set forth above, applicant will be notified and the defects in the request will be stated. The application will remain in the status of a new application awaiting action in its regular turn. In those instances where a request is defective in one or more respects, applicant will be given one opportunity to perfect the request in a renewed petition to make special. If perfected, the request will then be granted. If not perfected in the first renewed petition, any additional renewed petitions to make special may or may not be considered at the discretion of the Group Special Program Examiner.

Applicant's submissions filed June 22, 2001 meet all the criteria set forth above and the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to the Examiner for accelerated examination in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 708.02. If the application is subsequently allowed, it will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.



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